

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is outrageous and
demonstrates the
dangers of excessive
media consolidation.

Companies such as
Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and are
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when a
few large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of the
information citizens
need to fully
participate in a
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
we need to see real
people from our own
communities
discussing real
local concerns and
more substantive
news about issues
that matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why media
ownership rules must
be strengthened, not
weakened. The
license renewal
process needs to
require more than
returning a
preprinted postcard.
Sincerely,